

Long-Term Services and Supports Minutes – May 26, 2020

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**Action Items:**

- Jarett Hughes to invite representatives from Washington State LTSS Trust to June meeting
- Committee supports eventual prioritization of recommendations
- Committee will begin review of Wellness Fund idea currently being worked on by the Denver Regional Council of Governments in June – concept relates to innovative funding for community-based organizations

**Key Notes and Takeaways:**

- Christian Itin and Jarett Hughes provided an update on a recent discussion related to the Long-Term Care Trust Act and the beginning steps in that process for Washington state
- It was suggested that a recommendation related to a feasibility study that mirrors the initial study in Washington state would be a logical first step. This initial study from Washington state indicated Medicaid cost savings which helped carry the measure through the legislature – this process took a few years to unfold
- It would be important to identify a legislation coalition to move something as ambitious as thing forward – it was asked whether or not Treasurer Dave Young may be someone to include in this process
- Accompanying any recommendation should be a coherent problem statement that provides context – important to identify the gap and explain for the recommendation addresses the gap(s)
- As it relates to telehealth, be sure to include examples of successes and progress amid COVID-19 – personal anecdotes from older adults would be very useful